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1. Steam locomotives, status of 31 July 1954:

a. Total stocks of locomotives available in the GDR:

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		Park of Operational Locomotives					Damaged	Grand	Remarks
Type of Locomotives	Serviceable	Under Repair					Locomotives	Total	
		in Rail- road	in Rail- road	Await- ing					
		Maintenance	Repair	Repair	Total				
		Shop(Bw)	Shop(RAW)	at RAW					
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State-owned									
locomotives of	3021	387	392	399	5492	237	5729		
which coal dust-	(48)	(14)	(15)	(12)	(89)	(-)	(39)		
fired locomotives									
Column locomotives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Foreign-owned "	26	10	12	5	53	713	766		
Narrow-gauge "	134	13	56	6	229	3	232	including:	
								19 locomotives of 600 mm	
								gauge;	
								159 " of 750 mm "	
								5 " of 900 mm "	
								46 " of 1000 mm "	
								and 3 foreign-owned	
								locomotives	
								232	

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b. Locomotives kept as reserve included 90 state-owned locomotives at the disposal of the Ministry of Railroads, 60 as a reserve of RBDs and 290 of Bws, in addition to 13 narrow-gauge locomotives as a reserve of Bws. 2

c. Breakdown of the park of damaged locomotives:

	Scheduled for Repair at RAW	Scheduled for Repair/Damage (category L4)	Scheduled for Deactivation	In the Process of Dismantling	Total
State-owned locomotives	33	150	46	8	237
Foreign-owned locomotives	2	541	168	2	713
Narrow-gauge locomotives	-	-	3	-	3

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d. Twenty locomotives were leased to the USSR for locomotive column [] locomotives were leased to the Polish State railroads and 167 locomotives of various types were leased to industrial enterprises for factory requirements. All these locomotives are included in the total number of locomotives.

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e. In July, all column locomotives were incorporated in the park of state-owned locomotives.⁴ Eight locomotives were deactivated. 6

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2. [] the following numbers of state-owned locomotives were available in the eight railroad districts:

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RBD	Park of Operational Locomotives Total	Serviceable	Damaged Locomotives
Berlin	866 (3)	678 (-)	43 (-)
Cottbus	411 (20)	320 (18)	9 (-)
Dresden	980 (14)	775 (11)	53 (-)
Erfurt	746 (-)	556 (-)	35 (-)
Greifswald	297 (-)	236 (-)	41 (-)
Halle	1095 (52)	791 (33)	30 (-)
Magdeburg	751 (-)	589 (-)	23 (-)
Schwerin	316 (-)	263 (-)	3 (-)
Total	5492 (89)	4208 (62)	237 (-)

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Note. The figures in parentheses refer to the number of coal dust-firing locomotives. They are included in the total number.

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1. Comment. Compared to June 1954, the following changes in the stocks of locomotives available were noted: The number of state-owned locomotives increased by 370 due to the incorporation of 374 column locomotives and the deactivation of 4 locomotives. The park of column locomotives was dissolved effective 1 July 1954. The park of foreign-owned locomotives decreased by 4 locomotives which were deactivated. The total number of narrow-gauge locomotives remained constant; there were minor fluctuations in the numbers of serviceable locomotives and such in need of repair. 25X1
2. Comment. The considerable increase of the number of locomotives kept as operational reserve is due to the fact that column locomotives were added to that reserve. 25X1
3. Comment. There were only slight fluctuations compared to June. 25X1
4. Comment. In connection with a reorganization of Soviet transit traffic through Poland, the German locomotive columns were deactivated and their missions were taken over by the Polish State Railroads. As an interim measure, 72 German locomotives were leased to the Polish State Railroads. For location of these locomotives in Poland, 25X1
 In addition, 20 type O1 (express train) 25X1
locomotives were furnished for use by the Soviet locomotive column No 42 which is used for Soviet passenger transit traffic through Poland. 25X1
 , section I. The remaining 282 column 25X1
locomotives were parked as RBD reserve at railroad stations ordered by the Ministry of Railroads. 25X1
5. Comment. In June, a total of 159 locomotives were leased to industrial enterprises. 25X1
6. Comment. Deactivated locomotives included 4 foreign-owned locomotives, origin, and 4 state-owned locomotives, one locomotive each of types 25X1
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7. Comment. These figures agree with paragraph 1a of the present report. The number of serviceable locomotives includes the locomotives under repair in Bws. Compared to June, the numbers of locomotives available at the RBDs increased as follows: 25X1

RBD	Number of Locomotives
Berlin	197
Cottbus	42
Dresden	3
Erfurt	1
Greifswald	21
Halle	63
Magdeburg	36
Schwerin	14
Total	377

The total included 374 column locomotives and 3 repaired locomotives previously carried in the park of damaged locomotives. The 20 locomotives for the USSR and the 72 locomotives for Poland which are included in the total numbers were probably furnished by RBD Berlin.

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